

ALDECC 2001



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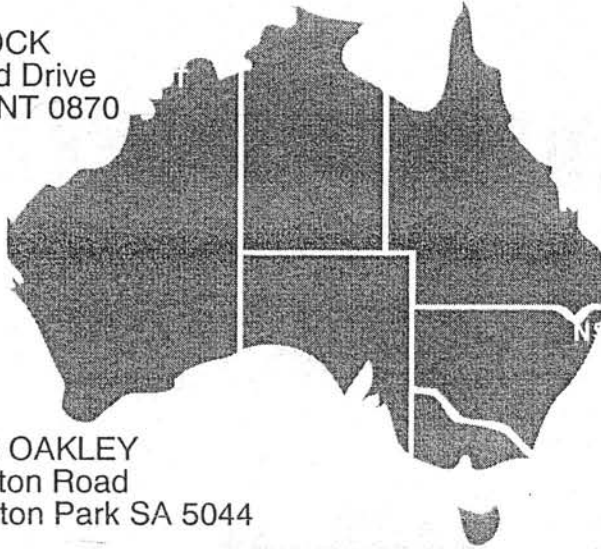
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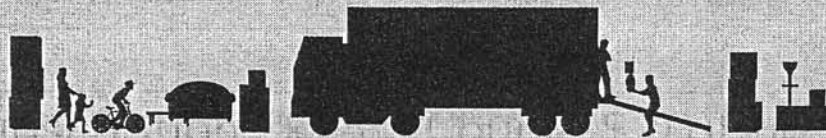
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ARE YOUR ALDECC SUBS NOW DUE???

If at the time of preparing this newsletter, our records indicate you to be unfinancial, an X will appear in this square. Orange is one year overdue. Green is two years overdue.



CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?
Please advise our Secretary of the

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT
& SECRETARY**

Hi Everyone and welcome to 2001,

Our 2001 reunion has come and gone. We had a great time catching up again, as we always do, every year. It was noted that not as much alcohol was consumed as in past years!! This has been happening over the last few years, it's just that some of us have only started to come to realize we are getting older!! Some of use have discovered it's good to be like KB (Kevin Bryant), and sit back and watch what people do!! The best part is you remember what happened and can still have a good laugh.

The Golf afternoon ended up being a good time for those who played or attempted to play. Everyone else enjoyed the golf when the awards were handed out at the dinner on Saturday night. Everyone got something for playing so think about joining in next year as Greg is getting ready for another Golf Fun Afternoon!!

We would like to give a big thank you to the committee members for helping to make the reunion such a good time for young and old alike. We wish to thank Alison Coop, Garry Mathewson, John Whitelock and Brett Stafford for all of their help while on the committee. The committee works when everyone does their bit and this happened.

The committee!! Well, after much discussion about getting someone to do the Sec/Treas job it was decided to elect Ray Higginson as President and Barb Conner as Sec/Treas for another term and use this year to sort out our elections so we get someone trained to do the Sec/Treas job without so much trouble. No one was prepared to take on the position unless they had some training so we will be adding a Vice Presidents position and an assistant Sec/Treas position, but still having 11 on the committee. More information will be coming on this in the next newsletter. It means another constitution change, but this can't be helped.

WELCOME TO THE ALDECC COMMITTEE 2001

PRESIDENT: RAY HIGGINSON

SEC/TREAS: BARB CONNER

**CHRIS PEARCE, MARY PURTILL, JO WIGG, KIM BROWN, RUTH BANNON,
GREG REID, CELWYN CURTIS, LAURIE WALSH AND JOHN WHITELOCK.**

We are getting on in years!! At the AGM it was asked if we could have lunch, on Sat., down at the BBQ sight near the pool instead of gong up the TOP, you see it's quite a walk and many need to be driven up by Kevin Gough in the mini bus. Yes, lunch will be down by the pool! By the way, it was then asked by Barb if Valley Homestead is where the reunion should be? The reply was Yes by voice and a show of hands so put in your diary:

ALDECC REUNION

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD 2001

Cheers to all until next newsletter,

Higgo & Barb

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



AT HOME WITH GREG OAKLEY

I stayed with Greg & Helen for 4 nights on my way back to W.A. at Greg's unit in Somerton Park.

There isn't an easy way to put this, so here goes. Greg has the daunting prospect of 3 visits per week to the **B.S.M. (blood sucking machine)** for the rest of his life, combined with having to spend the rest of his time at home.

I feel his self esteem was given a boost with my presence and I would encourage Greg's mates, who come to Adelaide, to visit with Greg or just give him a call from your home.

He goes to the **B.S.M.** on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings for 3 hours each time.

At home with the newspaper and the television, Greg has become somewhat of an authority on Politics. It's amazing what you get interested in when you are crook!! Greg has developed a good grip on all codes of sport and not bad at cards on the lap top. Helen got the laptop so Greg could write a book, but that's another story.

Greg's address: Unit 1-52 Eaton Rd. Somerton Park 5044. Phone: 08 8376 8767.

Cheers, Hazey

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40 years ago a number of our ALDECC members were born!  
We wish the following a big Happy Birthday!

**Brian Mc Lauchlan:** When you see Brian next, ask him about sick kids and how they cramp your celebrating style!!

**Mary Purtil:** Mary didn't realize she was middle-aged until she ended up in emergency with a gall bladder attack. When the Doc. told her what it was, she said that was an older persons problem. When Mary was asked her age and 40 was the reply, Mary was welcomed to "**middle age**" by the Doc., much to the merriment of sister Carmel, who was with her!!!

**Peter Melick:** How's Melton Police going with "40 years young" PC Melick helping to keep the peace!?

Happy Birthday to those who haven't let on about being 40!!



PS. Hazey wants to know what Susie thinks about being

**"50"**

We welcome Sue Grant to the second half of her century!



**Tourist are a wonderful invention! If it wasn't for tourist there wouldn't be Coach Captains, Cooks or Hostesses! In other words ALDECC wouldn't have happened!**

How many times did you say to your tourist "Don't pick the flowers", "Stay away from the edge and don't lean on the fence!" Well a certain ex-cook/hostess was being a tourist in New Zealand with her husband and she was a typical tourist. Not only did she lean on the fence, but they are deciding if she should pay to have it replaced!! Her husband had the brains not to laugh until he was sure she wasn't badly hurt, as she landed flat on her back on the wrong side of the fence. He couldn't wait to ring the ALDECC Sec. to let her know about the incident. Bryn Hillman-your a very brave man!

If you can read what is scratched next to the numbers then you should have been at the last reunion! None of the committee could work it out. Reid, we did get, but the rest ment nothing to anyone. Just as well none of the scrutineers have to rely on their pen to talk!!

1. REID  
2. WAY TO WEST  
3. CRISIS  
4. WORK SH.

**Tasmanian Driver's Reunion 2001  
Friday May 25th & Saturday May 27th**

The reunion is being held at Sandor's on The Park, in Launceston. The reunion has been organized by Geoff & Theresa Abel. If you are interested in going over, please contact Geoff & Theresa on 03 6268 0135 to get details.

**ALDECC GOLF AFTERNOON**

Yes, the Golf Afternoon will be on again at the next reunion. Cost are still to be confirmed, but will be similar to this year. Tee off time will be around 2:30pm on the Sat. Feb. 2nd & will be an Ambrose Format again, however a bit more effort in making it a really fun afternoon is assured. There will be unique tee off formats and some other interesting surprises.

Watch this space for full details next newsletter and please, please, please nominate early to be included. Some new rules will be introduced for next year. One rule being Players will have to nominate if their playing

**LEFT OR RIGHT HAND!**

Alfie understands what this means!!!



**Contact Greg Reid on 0418 491 119**

## Cooks & Drivers

As sec. of ALDECC I often get request looking for cooks or drivers who need work. My answer is usually "NO" as not being on the road anymore I don't know who is around like I used to.

If you know of anyone or if you are interested in some work, we have 2 ALDECC members looking for some help.

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### Safari Cooks Wanted

Contact Ian Wheeler  
Melb. 03 9467 7112  
Mobile 0412 653 703

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### Safari Cooks & Drivers Wanted

Moonee Valley Bus Lines  
Melb. 03 9370 5236

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### ***The following story doesn't just have to be about Kids!***

*After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.*

*The first thing he said was:*

*"Don't".*

*"Don't what?" Adam replied.*

*"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.*

*"Forbidden fruit? We got forbidden fruit? Hey Eve! We got forbidden fruit!"*

*"No way!"*

*"Yes, way!"*

*"Don't eat that fruit!", said God.*

*"Why?"*

*"Because I am your Father and I said so!" said God, wondering why he hadn't stopped after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw his kids having an apple break and he was angry.*

*"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" the First Parent asked.*

*"UH HUH," Adam replied.*

*"Then why did You?"*

*"I dunno," Eve answered.*

*"She started it!" Adam said.*

*"Did not!"*

*"Did Too!"*

*"DID NOT!"*

*Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam & Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed, but their is reassurance in this story. If you have persistently tried to give kids wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself.*

*If God had trouble handling children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?!*

*Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle.*

***Take two and keep away from the KIDS!***

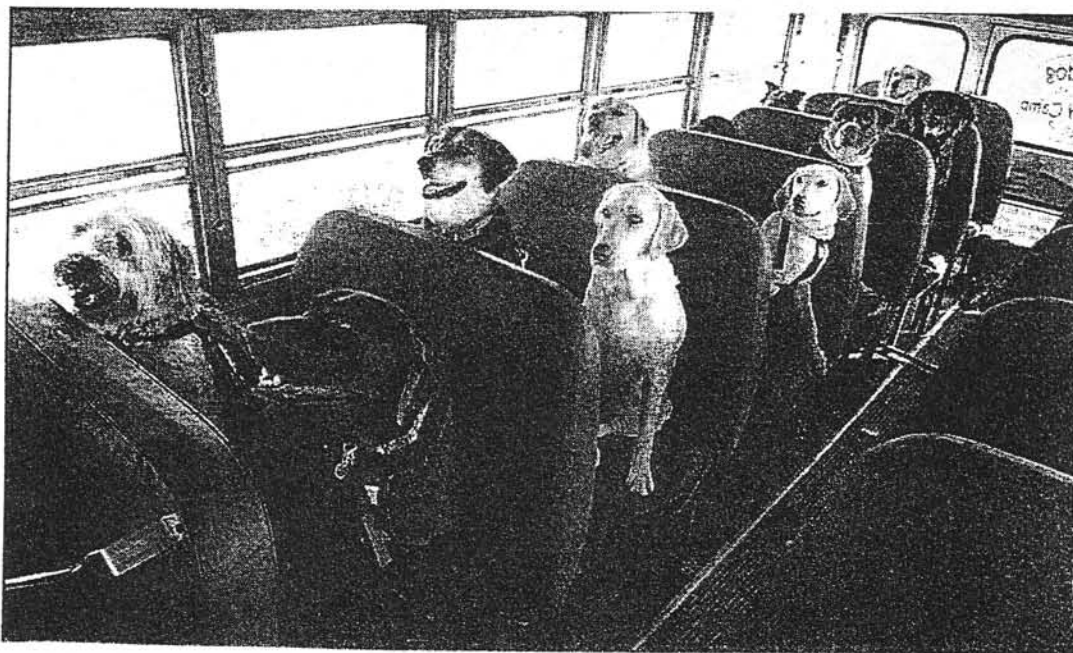
## **"CELEBRATIONS ARE IN ORDER"**

Faye Nayler and Elwyn Holohan are in Celebration Mode!! The Pub has finally been sold and they can truly start their retirement!! As of June 25th 2001 the Exchange Hotel will become a business for someone else to worry about and Faye & Elwyn can learn how to sleep in and go to bed when they feel like it!!



There has been some fun times at this Pub for some of us in ALDECC. Once a year, for a number of years in the late 80's & early 90's, anyone who felt like going up by, Lananda Coach, would spend a week relaxing with Faye & Elwyn at the PUB!! The Denning Bar was formed! We went to Expo and Elwyn got off the train and was lost for about an hour! We learnt all about beet root!! Playing darts at 10pm after Hazey, Blanche & Lance had been holding up the Denning Bar all day, was quite a sight!!

If you haven't been there you've missed out on a great place, but retirement sounds great for Faye & Elwyn!!



*It has been suggested this could be a photo of everyone off to ALDECC!!  
You just add the names!!*



This article was sent to KB & we thought it might be of interest to those of you who have seen Jimmy Little & Gus Williams in action.



Clyde, Gus and Warren Williams on their annual "pilgrimage" to the Country Music Festival . . . "the indigenous heart is very romantic". Photo: Edwina Pickles

## Heart strings twanged as Tamworth finally takes note

Andrew Stevenson

It has taken decades but Aboriginal musicians at Tamworth's Country Music Festival are stepping out of the shadow of the gum tree and claiming their own place on the stage.

In the pubs down Peel Street country singers can pepper the patter between songs with racist jokes and still get a laugh, but yesterday a host of Aboriginal bands performed in the festival's first Koori showcase.

Indigenous people have long loved country music, with the occasional artist - notably Jimmy Little and, more recently, Troy Cassar-Daley - breaking through for mainstream success. Listen to

outback Aboriginal community radio and it is inevitably flavoured with the twang of the guitar.

But when Gus Williams, 64, first came to Tamworth 11 years ago the message was clear.

"We started off busking and we got the message that Tamworth wasn't really for Aborigines, but we just kept coming to say, 'We're as good musicians as you are', and it's turned out all right."

Times have changed. His son Warren has sung with John Williamson and, with grandson Clyde, three generations of the family perform in Country Ebony. Tamworth is the family's great "pilgrimage", a two-night trip from the Northern Territory.

As a child, Williams, growing

up on a Lutheran mission west of Alice Springs, could be caned for singing or listening to country music.

"Living on the mission at Hermannsburg we grew up with their policy that you could only sing religious songs, and it wasn't easy to convince them we wanted to learn something different and that it wasn't doing anyone any harm. The country songs were based on people of the outback, they were about dry rivers and floods, and we found country music lovely to sing to."

Slim Dusty's early 78s were the first country songs Williams heard but now his son Warren is writing his own music and imbuing tracks with an indigenous flavour.

Jimmy Little traces the Aboriginal love of country to being forced into fruit picking, shearing and stock work, but also to something more spiritual.

"Australians were singing about gum trees and the pub with no beer, but the indigenous heart is very romantic, so Aborigines liked the American songs more, which were about love and family.

"And because the indigenous heart is so much in love with the land, their culture and tradition, it's a powerful emotional release to sing about a broken heart."

This week's Aboriginal country shows will be heard through the National Aboriginal Radio Service.